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K. David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

> Re: Petition of NEXTLINK Tennessee, Inc. for Arbitration of an

Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Docket No. 98-00123

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Please advise the Directors of the Authority that BellSouth and NEXTLINK have completed their negotiation of an interconnection agreement to be filed in the above-referenced docket, and are in the final stages of completing a final draft of the document for execution and filing.

We expect to have the final, executed document filed with the Authority by the end of the week. We appreciate the Authority's continued patience in this matter, and jointly express our appreciation to the Authority for assisting the parties in moving this matter toward resolution.

Sincerely,

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